# ACQUISITION CENTER FOR SUPPORT SERVICES (ACSS)



# Enterprise Procurement Portal (eP²) Vendor Guide

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# **Acronyms List**

ACSS – Acquisition Center for Support Services

CEOss – Commercial Enterprise Omnibus support services

eP<sup>2</sup> – Enterprise Procurement Portal

PGD - Product Group Directorate

RFQ – Request for Quotation

BPA – Blanket Purchase Agreement

MCSC - Marine Corps Systems Command

DIQ - Days In Queue

TOPR – Task Order Proposal Request

TO – Task Order

SOW – Statement of Work

Q&A – Question and Answer

#### 1. Introduction

The Enterprise Procurement Portal (eP²) provides ACSS staff, Commercial Enterprise Omnibus support service (CEOss) vendors and PGD Customers with a collaboration portal designed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the task order award process. This document will introduce the layout of the portal, its functions and capabilities, as well as provide a step-by-step outline for processing a TOPR through the proposal submission process.

# 2. eP<sup>2</sup> User Groups

Users are assigned to one of four eP<sup>2</sup> user groups. While all users collaborate on the same set of pending and awarded task orders, group associations restrict the extent of permissions:

- ACSS Administrators can see and modify all task orders and all associated forms and documents. They can also administer eP<sup>2</sup> user accounts, vendor and MCSC Customer records, and task order records. Additionally, portal usage reports are available only to this group.
- ACSS Staff can monitor all task orders and perform all task order-related actions (cost estimates, Statement of Work (SOW) uploads, modifications, etc.).
- Customer Principals (e.g., those with accounts) can see all task orders that
  have been initiated by their office, initiate new task order proposal requests
  (TOPRs), and modify and upload draft SOWs and funding documents.
- Vendor Principals can see draft RFQs that have been posted to eP², request a final RFQ, generate questions, and submit a proposal for task orders within the domain for which they have been awarded a BPA.

# 3. Logging In and Logging Out

At the initial user authentication screen (Fig.1), enter your username and password to gain access to the portal. Your user ID is associated with your user group and gives you appropriate access to eP<sup>2</sup> functions and content. If you forget your password, an ACSS Administrator can reset it.

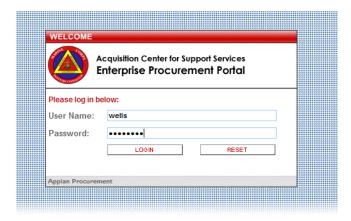


Figure 1. Login Screen

A "Logout" button on the top of each page should be used to properly exit the application (Fig. 2).



Figure 2. eP<sup>2</sup> Logout Button

#### 4. Vendor Guide

The eP² allows vendors holding an ACSS Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) to submit a proposal for services as stipulated by their corresponding GSA Schedule. The eP² replaces paper-based communications with web-based equivalents that allow vendors to download RFQ's, post questions, and upload proposals. eP² generates email alerts to vendors when major events occur, such as:

- Posting of a Draft RFQ within the vendor's prime domain
- Posting of a Final RFQ within the vendor's prime domain
- Confirmation of receipt of vendor proposal
- Task Order award
- Modification Issuance

#### 4.1 Home Page

Your home page (Fig. 3) is displayed when you successfully log into eP<sup>2</sup>. The home page lists all RFQs and task orders currently in queue, organized by status. You can return to the home page from any part of the Portal by clicking on the "Home" button on the left navigation bar.



Figure 3. Vendor Home Page

- Active Task Orders: Eligible as Prime are those RFQs for which your company is eligible to propose as the prime vendor (e.g., your prime domain).
- Active Task Orders: Not Eligible as Prime are those RFQs in domains for which your company is not a prime vendor; thereby precluding submission of a quotation.
- Awarded Task Orders: Selected as Winner are those task orders where your company has been selected as the winning vendor.
- Awarded Task Orders: Not Selected as Winner are those task orders that have been awarded to other vendors within the domain.
- Task Orders in Renewal Process: are those task orders that are being renewed on a sole source basis as a result of award term provisions from previous task orders.

Your home page also has a navigation bar on the left-hand side of the screen. There are two actions available to you on this bar: Home and Search.

- Home You can return to the home page from any part of the Portal by clicking on the "Home" button.
- Search -Click on the "Search" button to perform a simple keyword search. Enter a word or partial word and select task order titles, descriptions, or both for the search scope. The search engine will return links to all awarded task orders that match the search criteria.

#### 4.2 RFQ Status

On the home page, a Tracking Number (ACSS generated) is associated with each RFQ. A status field describes the current progress of the RFQ. The title field provides a link to the "Task Order Details" page (Fig. 4), which lists available documents and forms and pending actions associated with the RFQ. Typically, the documents available to the vendor will be the "Draft" and "Final" RFQ as follows:

- Draft RFQ Posted, Q&A Available Draft documents (SOW / RFQ) are posted into the appropriate domain for vendor Q&A.
- Final RFQ Posted, Proposals Accepted Following the Q&A period, a final RFQ is posted into the appropriate domain for vendor proposals.
- Evaluation Following receipt of vendor proposals, ACSS staff will assist the customer with "best value" selection based upon the evaluation criteria.
- Awarded Based upon the criteria set forth in the RFQ and entered into eP<sup>2</sup>, vendor selection has occurred and the task order is in the process of being officially awarded. The winning vendor has not been publicly announced by ACSS staff. Vendors who submit a proposal will be notified by e-mail of the result.

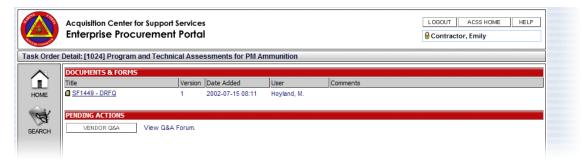


Figure 4. Vendor Details View

# 4.3 Reviewing a Draft RFQ/Request Final RFQ

From the Task Order Detail Page of the RFQ in which you are interested, click on the "Draft RFQ" link (SF1449-DRFQ) under the "Documents & Forms" list to view the draft RFQ. If you have questions regarding the content, you may use the Q&A feature to submit an inquiry to the ACSS (see 4.4).

At the bottom of the Draft RFQ (e.g., SF1449) is a link to the attached Draft SOW and other documents associated with the RFQ (i.e. Instructions to Offerors). Version numbers, revision dates, and comments are also viewable.

If your company is interested in submitting a proposal in response to this Draft RFQ, you <u>must</u> click on the "Request Final RFQ" button and generate the interest form (Fig. 5). If you do not do so <u>before</u> the Final RFQ is posted, you will not be allowed to submit a proposal.

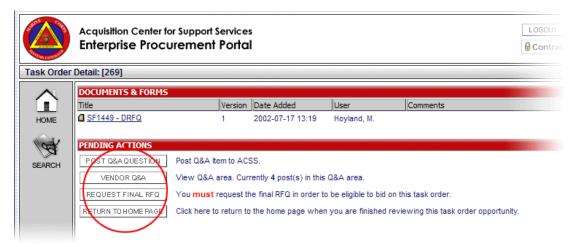


Figure 5. Request Final RFQ Button

# 4.4 Submitting a Question in response to the Draft RFQ

Click on the "Post Q&A Question" button (under "Pending Actions") from the "Task Order Details" page and follow the on-screen instructions (Fig. 6).



Figure 6. Post Q&A Question

You may view the entire Q&A posted for the RFQ by clicking on the "Vendor Q&A" button under "Pending Actions." Only those vendors eligible to submit a quotation in response to an RFQ (i.e., within the applicable domain) may participate in the Q&A.

# 4.5 Reviewing/Downloading a Final RFQ

Following the Q&A session the final RFQ will be posted. If your company has requested the final RFQ, you will see the document link (SF1449-FRFQ) on the "Task Order Details" page. At the bottom of the RFQ (e.g., SF1449) is a link to the attached SOW and other documents associated with the RFQ (i.e. Instructions to Offerors). Version numbers, revision dates, and comments are also viewable.

### 4.6 Uploading a Proposal

From the Task Order Detail Page of the RFQ in which you are interested, click on the "Upload Proposal" button from "Pending Actions" and follow the on-screen instructions for submission. Your proposal will appear on the "Documents & Forms" list upon acceptance. Additionally, you will receive an e-mail notification. Your proposal is source selection sensitive information and may only be viewed / downloaded by ACSS staff.

# 4.7 Post Award Functions

# 4.7.1 Submitting Invoices

From the Task Order Detail page of the awarded Task Order in which you are interested, scroll down to the *Invoice* section. Click on the first button to upload a new invoice (Fig. 7). The second button is used to view previously submitted invoices.



Figure 7. Uploading an invoice

Attach the invoice and fill in the appropriate information in the pop-up box: Invoice Number, Date, Amount and any comments (Fig. 8)

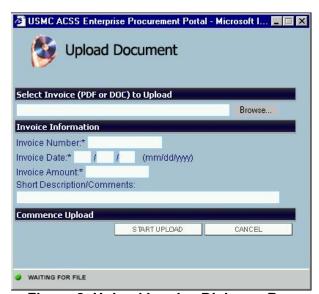


Figure 8. Upload Invoice Dialogue Box

Send an email to <u>ACSS@mcsc.usmc.mil</u> and notify the ACSS office that an invoice has been uploaded to eP<sup>2</sup>. Include the following information in the email: BPA Number, Task Order Number, Invoice Number and date uploaded to eP<sup>2</sup>.

The status of an invoice will change as it is processed through the system. Once the invoice is paid, ACSS will mark it paid and post relevant information such as Voucher number, Date paid, and Amount paid (Fig. 9).

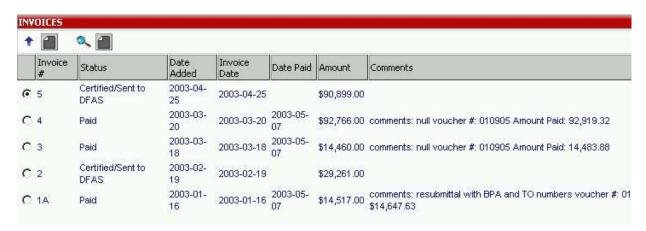


Figure 9. Invoice Status

#### 4.7.2 Modifications

ACSS will utilize eP<sup>2</sup> to issue modifications. When executed modifications are uploaded to eP<sup>2</sup>, you will receive automatic email notification. Access the task order detail page in eP<sup>2</sup> to view the modification (Fig. 10).

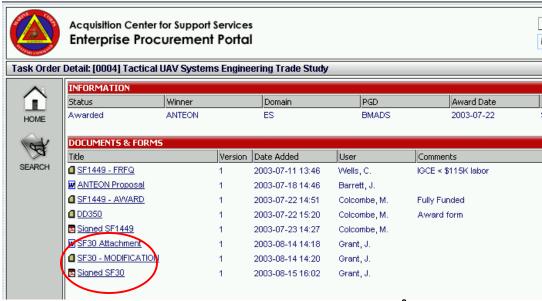


Figure 10. Modifications posted to eP<sup>2</sup>

#### 4.7.3 Task Order Renewal

CEOss task orders may include award-term provisions that allow for sole source renewal based on satisfactory performance. Task Orders that have been selected for sole source renewal will utilize the following truncated process that omits the draft RFQ/Q&A stage:

- 1. Final RFQ posted to eP2 by ACSS
- 2. Vendor uploads proposal to eP2 in accordance with RFQ (Fig. 11).
- 3. ACSS awards new task order
- 4. Awarded task order moves to the *Awarded Task Orders: Selected as Winner* section on your home page.

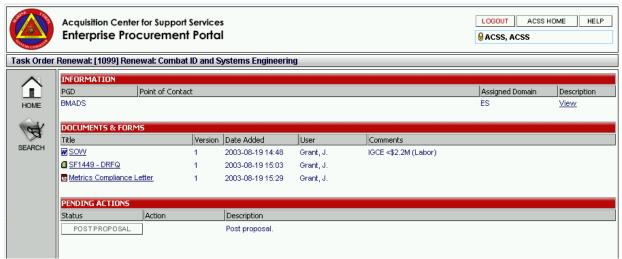


Figure 11. Task Order Renewal View